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**U.S. COAST GUARD**

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

**FOR**

**NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL IN U.S. PORTS; CERTAIN DANGEROUS CARGOES;  
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

**33 CFR Parts 104, 105, and 160**

This temporary final rule will amend the regulations governing the Notification of Arrivals (NOA). Specifically, it will amend 33 CFR Part 160 by adding two chemicals to the NOA requirements. These additions will cause some vessels and facilities to become subject to the security planning requirements of 33 CFR Parts 104 and 105. In addition this rule will amend 33 CFR Part 160 to provide for two new methods of electronic submittal of an NOA to the Coast Guard. These administrative changes will increase the maritime security and safety through improved maritime domain awareness.

This action has been thoroughly reviewed by the Coast Guard, and it has been determined by the undersigned to be categorically excluded under current Coast Guard CE #34(a) and (d) from further environmental documentation, in accordance with Section 2.B.2. and Figure 2-1 of the NEPA Implementing Procedures, COMDTINST M16475.1D, since implementation of this action will not result in any:

1. Significant cumulative impacts on the human environment;
2. Substantial controversy or substantial change to existing environmental conditions;
3. Impacts which are more than minimal on properties protected under 4(f) of the DOT Act, as superseded by Public Law 97-449 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; or

4. Inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local laws or administrative determinations relating to the environment.

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